Department of Research has qualifications exactly similar to those of the person selected for the Professorship of Zoology and is senior to the latter in service ?

**MR. H. C. PAPWORTH:** No.

*Muslims in the Medical Department.*

32 * **MR. P. S. MOHAMED:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the number of Surgeons and Doctors in the Medical Department with the number of Muslims among them ?

**DR. S. JOHN** (*Surgeon General*): The total number of doctors in the Medical Department (including ladies and Honorary House Surgeons) is 224 and the number of Muslims among them is 4.

*Government Hospitals at Parur and Alwaye.*

33 * **MR. E. K. MADHAVAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount received as cost of medicines in the Government hospitals at Parur and Alwaye during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively ?

**DR. S. JOHN:** No amount has been received as cost of medicines; but a nominal fee has been received as detailed in the statement laid on the table.

*Dispensary at Eathomoly.*

34 * **MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the public for opening a dispensary at Eathomoly, Neendakara pakuthi, Agastisvaram taluk ; and

(*b*) whether any action is taken ?

**DR. S. JOHN:** (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

*Government Hospital, Vizhinjam.*

35 * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Government Hospital, Vizhinjam, in Neyyattinkara taluk was established ;

(*b*) whether it is located in Government building or a rented building ; and

(*c*) if in rented building, the annual expenditure therefor ?

**DR. S. JOHN:** (*a*) In 1103.

(*b*) The dispensary is now located in a building provided by the public. No rent is being paid by Government.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

**MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI:** ഈ ആശുപത്രിക്കു വേണ്ട സൈറ്റ് ദാനംചെയ്യാമെന്നു ആരെങ്കിലും സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**DR. S. JOHN:** സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. പക്ഷേ ആരും ഇതുവരെ ദാനം ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.

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MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : പൊതുജനങ്ങൾ ചേർന്ന് ഈ ആശുപത്രിക്കുവേണ്ട കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ കെട്ടിക്കുവാൻ പരിശ്രമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN: അറിയാം.

MR. T. T. KESAVANSASTRI: എത്രകാലമായി അങ്ങനെ പരിശ്രമിച്ചിട്ട് ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഒരുകൊല്ലമായി.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഇപ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ നടത്തിപ്പ് എങ്ങനെയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ കെട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്, ബേസ്മെൻറും കെട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. പിന്നെ ആസ്ഥലം അങ്ങിനെ കിടപ്പുണ്ട്. ഇതാണ് ആ കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ ഇന്നത്തെ നില.

*Tuberculosis Hospital.*

36 * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of beds at present in the Tuberculosis Hospital at Nagercoil ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that patients are put to hardship for want of accommodation in the hospital ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) 80.

(*b*) Yes. Additional accommodation will be provided in the hospital. When the construction of the wards now taken in hand is completed there will be about two hundred beds available, and further arrangements have been made for the early construction of a few more semi-general wards as also a few cheap pay wards.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government has collected any statistics with regard to the incidence of tuberculosis in the State ?

DR. S. JOHN : A survey has been proposed to be taken.

PRESIDENT : Has any statistics been taken till now ?

DR. S. JOHN : It will be taken soon.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether it is not possible to arrive at figures from the vital statistics maintained in the Neyyattinkara Health Unit regarding death on account of respiratory diseases?

PRESIDENT : The figures that came to me were above 10,000. I had the statistics gathered a couple of years ago and it was computed very roughly that it would be at least 10,000.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government is aware that there is necessity for more beds in the tuberculosis hospital and also for more such hospitals ?

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